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Sworn to before me and subscribed presence this lat day of February, 1898, (Seal.) Notary Public, The local popocratic organ seems to have become a regular contributing bureau.

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Senator Allen seems to be anxious to help raise the war cloud, but whether it would lift him back to the senate for another six years is a question.

If, as is reported, the autocrat of Tammany hall is about to come out for the Chicago platform, it means that Boss Croker is to become the boss croaker.

King Ak-Sar-Ben will make his advent before admiring throngs next fall amid n \$3,000 blaze of electro-lighted glory. It is safe to assert that no other potentate ever illuminated his subjects so radiantly.

While subscribing to the Maine monument fund it might be well to remember that the exposition stock books are still open and that the exposition will be as great a monument to loyalty and patriotism as can be reared.

Omaha is in a position to assure visitors that there will be plenty of roast beef sandwiches and an abundance of about before coming.

The destruction of the Maine has not on the builders of our war ships an champions of our American fleet.

Fusion prospects in Montana are not as bright as the fusion managers would have us believe. The leading newspaper of the state labeling itself "free silver republican," is openly opposed to fusion, and the leading populist newspaper of the state is fighting the proposed "union of forces."

Premium bids are said to be assured for Omaha's new 4 per cent funding bonds notwithstanding the fact that these bonds bear the lowest rate of interest ever stipulated on city indebtedness. Omaha's credit does not seem to be suffering as compared with other cities similarly situated.

The Illinois legislature has adjourned without passing the bill by which it was proposed to put the police force of Chicago under control of the governor through a commission. The Illinois legislators have evidently been studying up the supreme court with very great inon state appointed police commissions terest and there is hardly less interest by reading of Omaha's experience.

ore has been discovered in Oregon. The traffic agreement have done. The gen-States is in the Black Hills. Now that reaffirm the position taken in the Transthe tin plate industry has been well es- missouri Freight association case, that tablished in the United States a tin mine is a valuable property. The Oregon people should develop their discovery at

While it looks as if Omaha would have depot facilities for another year, everything goes to confirm the idea that the railroads centering in this city are gradually awakening to the situation and us in the near future.

There is an order on the records of the police board commanding the chief of police to abate the automatic gambling ern roads is not in all respects like that continues unmolested. Is it because the is similar in its essential features and countermanded their order, or is it because the chief does not know a mechan- and void. feat game of chance when he sees one?

In Kentucky to change the name of Car- upon the question of enlarging the for which the silver syndicate is reputed lisle county to William Jennings Bryan powers of the Interstate Commerce county must have been studying a map commission. If the decision should be of Texas, and finding counties named favorable to the joint traffic agreement after Tom Green, Deaf Smith and Jeff the railroads will probably be satisfied Davis, probably -reasoned that other with the privilege of entering into such democratic favorites were entitled to contracts and will make no further not be out of place to voice the popular equal honors.

liquor dealers. But with notice from accept conditions for the regulation of the police board that law-breaking will such contracts which a great many of have had suffrage for many years at all in their respective localities. Irishmen will be overlooked, what else could be ex- them now oppose.

NOTES OF PREPARATION

significance which it does not possess the railroads in regard to pooling. and this tendency is very pronounced ezuelan question seemed to threaten seso acutely at present.

the official statements that all this would ecute the work. have taken place in any event, though possibly it has been somewhat stimulated by the delicate state of our relator to the exposition funds should have tions with Spain. Of course it is understood that the authorities are reticent material help under various pretexts in matters of this kind, but there has and specious excuses. It was also really been very little done to warrant natural for many of the heavlest nonthe belief that the government at Wash- resident property owners to evade their ington expects war. The possibility of duty and refuse aid to an undertaking war everybody recognizes and to whatever extent the administration is preparing for the national defense it is performing its most important duty, but it more than the usual expedition. This does not necessarily mean war.

GOLD FROM EUROPE.

Announcement is made of engagements by New York banking houses for shipments of gold from Europe to the amount of about \$2,000,000 and other shipments are in prospect. This is probably the beginning of a movement of the yellow metal to the United States which may assume large proportions, unless interfered with by a war scare or by actual war, which might have the effect of bringing home American securities and sending gold out of the country. There is a very large amount of gold due American bankers in Europe which has been kept there because it could be loaned to better advantage than in the United States and It would remain abroad in the event of this country getting into war, but with the continuance of peace this gold and much more in setwater at the exposition—and these are tlement of the trade balance will come things a great many visitors will think here, increasing our stock of the yellow metal by many millions and stimulating the yellow metal is being ordered convinced anyone of the weakness of the from abroad would seem to in- tain the credit of their city, the emernew American navy. Only thoughtless dicate a feeling in financial cir- gency is at hand that calls for prompt states. Most intelligent people will regard parties for the battle. persons have been led to cast reflections cles that peace will be maintained, or at all events confidence that the ad ministration at Washington will do nothing to provoke war. Certainly the importation of gold at this time is to be regarded as a reassuring fact.

THE JOINT TRAFFIC CASE,

No more important case, affecting the railroad interests of the country, has been before the supreme court of the United States than that of the Joint Traffic association of eastern railroads, embracing thirty-one companies, the earing of which is in progress. The association was formed about three years ago for the purpose of dividing or pooling the traffic of the roads parties to the agreement and adjustment of rates and is by far the most formidable country. Proceedings were instituted to have the agreement set aside and declared null and void and to have the under this agreement.

Railway circles await the decision of in the matter among shippers who have given attention to it, as probably most It is reported that a large body of tin of those who would be affected by the only other body of tin in the United eral expectation is that the court will rallways are subject to the anti-trust law, but there is a hope among the railway people concerned in the present case that the court may nevertheless make some dicta which will throw light on the present somewhat confused reto put up with temporary passenger lations between the railways and the submitted gracefully to legislative reguthat an adequate and permanent union station is one of the things in store for station is one of the things in store for in restraint of trade, are prohibited by without a doctor's fee, the revolt is overthe anti-trust act of 1890 and it was whelming. held that the agreement made by the association could so operate, hence it was illegal. The agreement of the eastmachines. Yet the automatic gambling of the Transmissouri association, but it The decision of the court will be im-

portant in its bearing upon proposed The man who started the movement pooling legislation and also, perhaps, efforts for the legalization of pooling, amazement that an enterprise of the but an adverse decision would undoubt- greatest magnitude and moment should The example of Governor Holcomb's edly be followed by a vigorous renewal for months have been exposed to the reform police board in overriding all on the part of the railroads of efforts to law when granting liquor licenses to all secure an amendment to the law per- In no other community could such a who applied regardless of protests is mitting competing roads to enter into state of affairs have been permitted to bearing fruit in the defiance of the law pooling contracts. In such event the continue so long. and the police by some of the favored railroads would perhaps be disposed to

Whatever the decision of the supreme

When Omaha assumed the task of pro- sion of the suffrage, rious trouble with England, though not viding the ways and means for carrying out the project for a Transmissis-There is no authority from Washing- sippl Exposition its business men and ton for believing that what is taking property owners practically guaranteed place in naval and military circles is in to bring the enterprise to a successful contemplation of war. Such information conclusion. It was well understood at as comes from official sources is simply the outset that in this, as in all enter- and patient waiting for facts, to the effect that what is being done in prises that require self-sacrifice, public getting war vessels ready for service and spirit and ceaseless labor, the mossback in inspecting troops at military stations element of the community would neither is simply in pursuance of plans long ago assist nor give encouragement to the decided upon. It is to be inferred from men who were drafted to plan and ex-

It is therefore not in the least surprising that many most able to contribute turned a deaf ear to every appeal for that has already steadied and stimulated real estate values and created an active demand for rentable buildings.

To the credit of Omaha it may be said is not wise to construe this as meaning that the majority of the business men that war is imminent or inevitable. Such and property owners do not belong to a popular conclusion, finding voice in the this category. The fact that there are press, tends to embarrass the govern- more than 6,000 subscribers to the exment and to otherwise produce harmful position stock speaks volumes for the effects. We have been preparing for na- local patriotism of this community. Over member of the John L. Webster Literary tional defense for years, ever since we 95 per cent of these stock subscriptions begun building a navy and constructing were obtained long before there was any coast defenses. The preparation is not assurance that the exposition would yet complete and the government is take tangible form. For that very reason merely going on with it with a little many of the leading business men limited their subscriptions, with the promise that they would double them when the time came to come forward in response to a second call.

It is now admitted on all hands that the exposition will surpass in magnitude the most sanguine expectations of its projectors. The participation of all the states in the transmississippl region and many states outside of it is practically assured. The demand upon the management for enlarging buildings and erecting new ones is imperative in order to meet the requirements of exhibitors. Not less than \$150,000 more will have to be raised for this purpose beyond the available resources of the exposition company.

The greater part, if not all, of this money must be raised by contributions from Omaha people. There are still hundreds of well-to-do property owners who have not signed a dollar and there are scores of business men whose subscriptions are trivial compared with what others have given and with the benefits which they are deriving. While enterprises of every kind. The fact that it should not be necessary to importune men to redeem their pledges and susaction. Only ninety days remain before gates. The contracts for new buildings must be let without further delay and the work of preparation pushed without interruption. To do this additional funds must be raised.

Stock subscriptions are not to be regarded as outright donations, since, unless all signs fall, the income of the ex position after the gates are opened will leave a handsome margin to apply to the refunding of the money advanced by stockholders. If the paid attendance reaches 2,000,000 the exposition will be able to refund 75 per cent; if it reaches | features. 3,000,000 it will pay back dollar for dollar.

Former Secretary of Agriculture J. railroad combination ever effected in this Sterling Morton is about to re-enter the arena of fournalism, in which he had laid the foundations for his national reputation as a profound thinker and association cujoined from operating forcible writer. Mr. Morton resumes the pen as editor of a paper under the unique title of "The Dynamo," to be published weekly at Nebraska City. With a man of Mr. Morton's capacity them in forceful language furnishing many important public movements in Nebraska's great political machine shop.

The pure food idea is a taking fad among a great many people, but the appearance of a bill in the Iowa legislature to require pure prescription drugs has met with a storm of disapproval from the press and people. They could have federal authority. It will be remem- lation of the flour and baking powder, bered that in the Transmissouri case the but when it comes to shutting off the insupreme court held that contracts or alienable right of every person to buy

Where you see a great deal of smoke there is usually some fire. When The telegraphic and cable dispatches relating to the Maine disaster shows for itself police board reformers have secretly purpose, therefore it seems safe to as- raises such a commotion in the columns sume that the court will declare it null of its would-be competitor, the truth of the statement is self-evident. By the way, how much enterprise is there in procuring those blood and thunder dispatches from Havana and Washington separate Parliament for to be footing the bills?

Now that the water is turned on and the exposition buildings have a reasonable amount of fire protection, it may danger of a destructive conflagration.

court in the pending case, it is thought they have permitted their, interest in It is most natural that the movements that its effect will be to bring the prob-school elections to steadily decline. The of war vessels, the activity at navy yards lem of railway regulation to a head, women voters ast about 19,000 votes at and certain not common incidents in con- Meanwhile there does not appear to be school elections in 1888, but at the last by an explosion of inside origin. In that nection with the army, should be con- much chance for pooling legislation at election they east only 5,721 votes. The strued by most people as indicating that the present session, while those familiar same conditions exist in Nebraska. It war is imminent. Under existing con- with the situation express doubt whether is plain that women do not care to vote ditions any naval or military occurrence the bill proposing to enlarge the powers even at school elections where they out of the ordinary routine is certain to of the Interstante Commerce commission should have greater interest than at genbe magnified in the public mind into a can be passed without concessions to eral elections. It will be remembered, simple. Each nation is supposed to also, that it is in MEssachusetts that the all the people within its borders. It is regreatest activity is shown in the formaand this tendency is very pronounced just now. It was shown when the Ven-

Forbearance Under Trial.

Indianapolis Journa The American people never appeared to better advantage or more thoroughly com manded the respect of the world than they have during the last week of self-control

Second the Motion,

A great war ship named the George Washington would be an addition to the navy calinteresting to get some estimates as to he shortest time in which such a ship could be built in an emergency; but there is no efforts in war ship construction. If congress authorizes the George Washington, it should not be so silly as to direct that the vessel be completed on next Washington's birthday.

Conviction of Zola.

Chicago Inter Ocean.

The verdict of guilty against Emile Zola is as was expected. His trial was a farce, out in France farces sometimes through melodrama into tragedy. The inci ents of the trial are proof of popular exeitement before which judges and jurors they were infected. Before Zola's year of mprisonment is over reaction may have set in, and he who goes to jail amid the of the people may come out of it the hero of the hour.

Right Man in the Right Place.

Each succeeding day brings some additional proof that Consul General Lee is exectly the right man in the right place. he patience, courage, vigilance and tireless udustry with which this high-minded pa riot continues the difficult duty of guarding American lives and American interests in Havana in the face of conditions which are nourly becoming more perilous and comple listinguish him as a fearless citizen worthy of our loftlest ideals of herolam.

Prepare for a Gale.

The Hon. William Jennings Bryan, the Hon. George Fred Williams, and the Hor Jim Jones have promised to go to the sprin meeting of the bimetallic league at Indian polla. Joy sparkles in the eyes of the silve Hocsiers, "The size of the crowd on that occasion," says the Delphi Times triumphandly, "will make the late monetary conven-tion look like a knot on a street corner." The poor old menetary convention was no wild uprising of the people, but this In lianapolis spring meeting causes alarm a Mr. Bryon is a large crowd. endy. lon. Jim Jones is a multitude. The leorge Fred Williams is an army with ban ers. How can three such vast bodies com ogether without danger to themselves and others, if there are any others?

Senator Gear and Hawall.

Philadelphia Times. Senator Gear of Iowa has joined Senator Morrill of Vermont in his opposition to the annexation of Hawaii on the ground that a population of 7,000 of whites sandwiched with 33,000 more of less ignorant and dis-eased natives and 73,000 Chinese and Japanese hardly constitute a suitable constitu oncy for a self-governing state. It will be noted that Senator Gear has ignored all Senator Gear's reason for opposing the treaty as a very sengible one and will wonder wh he should have so few republican colleagues in the senate of a like way of thinking They will be gratified, however, with the assurance that the odds and ends of opposition, made up bf democrats, populists and a few republicans like Morrill and Gear, are likely to prevent the confirmation of the

THE IRISH REFORM BILL.

Kansas City Star: Something new has ppeared in the House of Commons in the hape of a local government bill for Ireland ced by what we would call in the United States the administration, evertheless, is admitted by all parties to be good measure, or at least possessing good

Boston Globe: The best thing about th

neasure and its reception is that it logically points the way to the adoption of greater vicories for Ireland in the near future. Thos who have advocated Mr. Balfour's bill be cause it was hoped to check the demand for ome rule are likely to come speedily to realizing sense of their error. Boston Transcript: The measure is a de

cided step in advance. It concedes at least to a limited extent the right of Irish citizens to a voice in the management of their the power of the territorial magnates. a lame and halting concession of justice but it will do for a first installment. Cleveland Plain Dealer: It has been th

for originating ideas and presenting fate of liberal governments in England to ntroduce great reform measures for which the country was not yet ready, to be over the energy, The Dynamo promises to thrown because those propositions were re turn a great many wheels and propel garded as revolutionary, and then to see their antagonists coolly take up the defeated measures, put a conservative stamp on them. persuade the country they are merely re assume all the credit. Disraell taught the enservatives that trick and his successors have not forgot the lesson.

Buffalo Express: It is not home rule i he broad, national sense. But it is local self-government under the form of county councils and boards of guardians, such as obtains in England and Scotland. More of the details of their administration are to be left to the Irish people. Power has been taken from Westminster and Dublin Castle As John Dillon pointed out, the plan does ot give Ireland as great autonomy as the districts of the sister isle enjoy, but this is

Washington Post: It seems that they are at the end of all active animosity, and all parties to the prolonged strife are in agreegive the new measure an hones trial. If it succeeds it will make another me rule contest unnecessary; if it falls i will prove the folly of home rule. In this ght all regard the fight as ended. The Irish parliamentary party says the bill is an in nense advance over that of 1892 and fulfill the promise of the government. The Par-nellites welcome it, the conservatives admit its necessity and the Irish nationalists praise it.

Philadelphia Record: The new measur es not go to the length of providing a diction over crimes and the police remains with the castle government at Dublin. The pressure of business in Parliament, however, vill eventually compel a division of legis lative power between the imperial Parliament at London and local assemblies in each of the three kingdoms. In time Englishmen vill perceive that home rule does not imply separation, and that a federal union of contented states is far stronger than a forced consolidation of antagonistic nationalities.

New York Sun: The general effect of th measure will be to transfer the control of cal affairs throughout the greater part of Ireland from the unionists to the national The members of the grand jury are with extremely few exceptions, unionists and landlords. The members of the county and rural district councils, except in a part of Ulster, will be almost universally nationalist have had suffrage for many years at all in their respective localities, frishmen will school elections, they have not only falle. I be all the more certain, as Mr. Dillon pointed to take advantage of the privilege, but out on Monday, to demand that the edifice RESPONSIBILITY OF NATIONS.

Chicago Chronicle: The general belief ems to be that the Maine was not destroyed case Spain is responsible for its money whether the loss occurred by the explosion of submarine mines planted for harbor pro-tection or of a torpedo launched at the vessel by a private enemy under the jurisdiction

New York World: The theory is perfectly sponsible to civilization for order within its subjects of other powers are wronged there is a well-recognized principle of responsibility on the part of the power which alone has authority to repress disorder. Any other rule would mean chaos come again.

St. Paul Pioneer: Robert T. Lincoln would appear to be rather off his base in his views of international law as applied to the de-struction of the Maine. It may possibly be true that if that deaster was entirely the work of some private fanatic Spain would not be burdened with any legal responsibility; if there was a mine under the ship. placed there by the government, even though exploded by some private Spanish fanatic, it is not easy to see how the Spanish government could escape legal responsibility.

New York Commercial: International law is merely the codification of international anything like a combination emergency now justifying any extraordinary practice and precedent, and history is full of cases where indemnity has been claimed and granted in such cases. The principle is that a notion is bound to grant the citizens that a nation is bound to grant in its jurk-and subjects of a foreign power in its jurk-diction the same protection from private diction the same protection from private chiefly to the slow service of colliers. violence it secures its own. Failing the The United States, like most other has both paid and received damages in simi-

lar instances Springfield Republican: The view of Rober Lincoln, that Spain cannot be held account able for the Maine disaster, even if it shall e proven to have been caused by a mine in the Havana harbor, unless responsibility traced directly to the government, is one that will scarcely be taken by the administra-tion. It will be no defense for Spain to say that an irresponsible fired the mine. Maine was in an ostensibly friendly harbor. If it lay anchored over deadly mines con by the Spanish government, it was Spain's business to see that it was bro cted, just as the harbor police of New York are now protecting the Vizcaya. I there was negligence it was criminal negli gence, and Spain must and will be held re-

New York Sun: But when it comes either o a harbor mine planted by the governmen or to a torpedo such as only governments employ, the use of such appliances to blow up the Maine becomes a different matter. In that case no mere disavowal of complicity by Spain, such as of course would be made would be likely to relieve it from any de pand which our government might make for demnity. Even if all the details remained mystery, the seizure and successful use of war appliances of which Spain alone should have had control, in a harbor solely under it jurisdiction, would be regarded by our gov ernment as contributory negligence. he least, like that for which we held Chill responsible.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

The report is floating around that Horace Boies contemplates running for congress next fall.

A large band of silverites will invade Oregon and endeavor to capture the state at the election next July. Indiana populists have definitely pre

empted the middle of the road and placed a full state ticket in the field. The question of blennial instead of annual sessions of the legislature is to be submitted to the voters of New York state. At the coming banquet of the Jefferson-Ian fusionists in Washington it is proposed to reincarnate 16 to 1-sixteen speeches to

one idea. Kansas is to choose this year a governor questions of sugar growing and manifest destiny, and considered only the fitness of the country, with its mixed and ignorant population, to become one of the American arations are being made by both political arations are being made by both political

Senator Mills of Texas, who is opposed for e political ring, composed of machine poli ticlans, is trying to bring about his defeat, but that he proposes to go before the people and fight the battle to a finish

Rev. Sam Jones wants to run for governor Georgia on a platform of "simple, un adulterated, unpurchasable, unbulldozable manhood." In vocal versatility the noted revivalist distances the "one-eyed plowboy of Pigeon Roost," who is running for governor in that state. New York democrats are arranging to give

the country an exhibition of political horse manship next fall. The plan is to separate national from state questions. Nomine for congress will ride or fall on nations issues, while state officers will be confine to state issues. The straddle is worthy of the source. The new constitution of Louisiana, now

process of construction by a constitutional envention, will impose property and intel ectual qualifications sufficient, it is believed to prevent negroes from voting, will prob ably provide for the pensioning of confeder ate soldiers by the state and may possibly give women property holders a vote on ques George Fred Williams is again, it is an

sunced, a candidate for governor of Massachusetts on the democratic ticket, on offic for which he runs with undeviating defeat overy year. He enjoys the advantage ing an aspirant for a post not sought and not likely to be accepted by any other democratic aspirant in the face of majority varying from \$0,000 to 160,000.

The campaign managers of Senator Can on are said to be exhibiting a letter to Utah politicians from Chairman Jones of democratic national committee instructing them to support Cannon for re-election to the senate. As Cannon says he is a republican and acts with republicans on all ques-tions not affecting the value of silver the Utah democrats threaten to secede from Chairman Jones and set up in business for themselves.

Speaking of the testimonial to ex-Mayor Hooper of Baltimore the other evening, the Baltimore Sun says: "He has thoroughly deserved the splendid testimonial offered him last night, and the golden opinions (most beautifully expressed in silver) of good citizens of all parties. We repeat mayor he proved himself greater than his party in this city, and his party should be grateful to him that he has shown it the road to public confidence and honor. Will the party follow it?"

The session of the South Carolina legisla ture has ended without action on the liquo question, which was the most importan natter brought to its attention. Many other mportant measures fell between the two houses, and the only notable enactment are a separate coach law, a law placing express and telegraph companies under control of the railroad commission as to rates, etc. and a law taxing express, telegraph, tele phone and parlor-car companies on a pr ortionate basis of their mileage in Sout Carolina to their capital stock.



OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

In the event of the outbreak of hostill-

ties in the far east the potency of the con tending fleets will depend to a very large degree upon their respective control of a coal supply. In modern naval warfare coal is of more vital consequence than even ammunition, for without it a ship can neither fight nor run away. A note or two about the chief Oriental coaling depots are there ore in order. Great Britain has seven coal stations between the incse waters. These are Aden, Bombay, rincomalee, Madras, Rangoon, Singapore and Houg Kong. Of these Trincomalee. Madras and Singapore are fortified and could hold out for a certain length of time against demands that might be made on them their stores of coal. But these are not a only coaling stations from which was ps cruising about China may draw There are several small stations nd their allies from their fortified strong hold Vladlvostok, the only fortified port out side Japan in the eastern seas where coal which has anything like the quality demanded for war ship stoke rooms has been stored in any quantities. If Russia acted in concert with any other powers the supplies at Vladivestok would be at their disposal, but they are known to be inadequate to the supply of fleets. Recent cable dispatches aver that England has been buying up all the available smokeless coal in castern waters for some time past, and if her stations were closed her opponents would have to trust

Switzerland is going to try the experiment of government ownership of railroads By a vote of 384,146 in favor to 177,130 against the Swiss voters have approved the bill providing for the state purchase of the 2,304 miles of railway now in operation in that republic. The cost of the purchase will be about \$200,000,000, which would seem to be a pretty heavy debt to saddle upon a country of Switzerland's restricted territory and modest wealth. The cash is not it hand for the purchase and the governm is seeking to secure it by a loan. purchase is made the Swiss people will have a pretty interest bill to pay, to say nothing about the political demoralization that likely to result from state managemen Switzerland's experiment in this line will be watched with a good deal of interest Government ownership of railways is a not ular fad with a good many people nowadays and Switzerland is as good a republic as any, and better than most, in which to try

Reports from the interior of Crete are getting worse and worse. The distress appears to be reaching an acute stage in the districts of Malevisi, Pediada and Temenos. Five hundred Christians on the brink of starvation started the other day for Greece from several points on the coast. Two hundred and fifty men, women and children ar-rived recently at Paleocastro, a small creek near Candia, having abandoned their homes in the interior. They wish to seek refuge in Greece, but they are without means to embark, and are waiting on the coast, exposed to the rigid winter, having neither food nor covering. Aid has been sent from Candia to these wretched beings, but it is insufficient. The distress of the Mohamme dan refugees in the town of Candia, not withstanding the relief dealt out, is als great. A Greek steamer arrived recently at Canca, on her way to Greece, carrying 500 Christian peasants, women and children mbarked at Retimo. They came from the Retimo districts, and more are expected t follow soon. They gave vivid accounts of their privations and the distress in the interior, and said: "We are starving, and Greece will not deny us our daily bread."

The great difference in drinking habits in Germany and Italy is seen in the fact that while the average annual consumption of spirits as a beverage in Germany is about two gallons per head of population, in Italy It is about two pints per head. Climate and temperament have much to do with the difference. An inh bitant of parthern Germany can consume with comparative impunity an I have been to sea with a manatee amount of spirits that would scatter madrough the brain of an average Italia; The Italians have found this out by expe rience, and they have given up the distilled liquors as a drink. On the other hand, the average consumption of wine in Italy is out seventeen gallons to the head of population, while in Germany the average cosumption is about a gallon per head. much of the wine of Italy is a very weak beverage. Formerly the average consumption of wine in Italy was not less than wenty-five gallons per head of population The decline is partially due to the increasing poverty of the inhabitants, who have begun to exchange a portion of their wine for what hey need more, and partially to an improve nent of their habits in regard to drink. But he Italians have not attained the presen high degree of cobriety as a nation by means of prohibitory liquor laws. They have found in their own experience the best legislator

Japan's insistence upon prompt payment o he war indempity from China is in direcconflict with the recent report that the government at Tokio had resolved to retain the Chinese naval fortrers of Wel-Hai-Wei and orego payment of the remainder of Japan's claim against her vanquished foe. Japan tands in far more urgent need of additional hips for her navy than of a fortress on the Chinese coast. The eighty old millions of dollars still due from China on account of he war indemnity would pay for many bat leships; and with a fleet thus strengthened the would be in a position to blockade or etake Wel-Hal-Wel whenever it should suit er purpose to do so. There is a bare possibility, however, that the resolution of Japan to press China for payment may be the preude to new demands upon the government f Peking for concessions in favor of the government at Tokio by way of compensation for those granted to Russia, Germany, France and Great Britain. Assuredly, Japan will claim a hand in the game of the "partiion of China."

From time to time interesting facts crop out concerning the course of Russia in Central Asia. The latest announcement is that the czar has ordered the establishment of a Alone on this coral reef, And I sit and moan in an undertone, course of instruction to Hindustani (Urdu) For I'm overcome with grief. the czar has ordered the establishment of a

at Tashkend, in the military district of Turkestan. All general staff officers who can be spared from each brigade of rifice, arcossacks and infantry and of every letachment not belonging to a brigade are to attend it. The course will last two years, from October 1 to May 1. The instructors will be officers, nided by natives, for practice in conversation. The officers who pass the ourse successfully are to receive six months' additional pay, and one of them may be seat to India every year to perfect himself in the language, after which he will have to serve two years in Turkestan. In connection with this order it is noteworthy that the whole of Russian Central Asia is to be united under a government general, who will be almost pendent, thus occupying a pea what akin to that of viceroy of India.

The statement issued by the British foreign office in regard to the results obtained by British diplomacy at Pekin shows substantial gains. The internal highways of trade in China are to be opened to all the world in June next. That is to say, where foreigners are now allowed by treaty to use native boats only they will hereafter be allowed to use steamers. The control of the Chicase of a British subject so long as British trade in Chinese ports exceeds that of any other power. At present four-fifths of China's foreign trade is in British ships. The British government is also assured that the valley f the Yang-tse-Klang river shall never be power-an indefinite engagement which may politically useful to England at some future time.

MIRTH IN RHYME.

Chicago Tribus Now there was little Lulu Grimes, The sweetest cherub under the su She jumped the rope 2,000 times— and she's living yet, aged 21.

Washington Star. Go too, go too. thou busy bee! Pray, would it not be queer If one could not face toll with glee When he sleeps half the year,

Chleago Record. Now we discipline our bodies And project a spiritual strike Of the things we do not like,

Two mortal hours, in dollar chairs, So gloomly we sat— Horse-play? Well, it seemed to us Too asinine for that. Indianapolis Journal.

Detroit Journal.

He murmured as he sat alone, "It costs (the arrant churl!)
As much to take the chaperone
As it does to take the girl!" Chicago News.

'Oh, bitter world! Oh, bitter world!" He cried in dark despair. He'd kissed her shining tooks and found Much quining tonic there. Washington Star.

The proofreader said with a sigh, "It would make me most happy if I Could make up my mind If some things that I find Are dialect pieces or pi Atlanta Journal Have you heard of the land of the lemon and myrtle.

Where the midwinter seasons are balmy as May,
Where they fish for the tarpon and catch

he mud turtle,

the stuff.

And room rent is cut to ten dollars per Tis the land of the gnat and the gay alli-Where the clerk of the hotel gets on to your bluff; You may be a prince or a mine speculator,

But there's nothing to do but to shove up

A SOUTH SEA ROMANCE.

Chleago Post, Chicago Post.

I'm a Borrichoo from Woolloomoolloo,
And a King of the Friendly Isles;
I'm the owner in chief of a coral reef,
Where a mermaid sits and smiles—
Where a mermaid sits and smiles on me
As she combs her dark green locks
And nibbles the seed of the salt seaweed
Which clings to the polypous rocks,

Who was taking a little sail-Who was taking a little sail with me But we both had a cough and soon left

When the whale began to sneeze, I have played fantan with a Chinaman, Who swam ashore from his junk; O, he looked very blue when I won his

And went on a horrible drunk-And went on a horrible, howling drunk, Because of his sad, sad loss, But we put him in jail to weep and wall And pray to his Chinese joss,

I have hobnobbed, too, with a cannibal

And sampled their humble fare; And sampled their bumble fare;
0, a richer dish than any fried fish
Was some missionary, rare—
Was some missionary, rarely cooked—
Served up on a wooden skewer,
He was done to a fault, and with pepper
and salt

Was fit for an epicure. I have played leap-frog with the pert sea On the top of the bounding wave; I have straddled a spar with a shipwrecke**d**

tar,
Till he sank to his deep-sea grave—
Till he sank to his deep-sea grave below,
Where the sea-ghouls lay in wait
And shricked with glee at their banquet As they dined off the Captain's mate,

I have sat in the shade with a young mer-As she fanned herself with her tail; As she fained herself with her fail;
I have heard her sigh when I swore to die
If my love should ever fail—
If my love should ever fail for her,
My queen of the tropical seas;
Then I stole a kiss from this mythical

As I gave her fin a squeeze, But away she ran with a gay merman,

It was mother-of-pearl and it caught my For she left my house and home— For she left my house, and she left me,

No Use Arguing-

With a boy, He knows what he wants and he won't be happy till he gets it-He won't get it anywhere else as well

All boys who wear clothes are a sort of charge of ours and we look out for them.

If your boy needs a Spring Suit we will undertake to see to t that his mother and father are as well pleased as the boy and that would seem to insure domestic happiness. Several lines of Spring Suits are in and are ready for your approval—and there are so many dainty things in Ties, Scarls and Blouses that it is a pity any one should not know where to get them.

